

LEO M. FRANK LYNCHED AT OLD PHAGAN HOME

1,000 DROWN AS TRANSPORT IS SUBMARINED IN AEGEAN SEA

British Troop Ship, With 1,602 Men Aboard, Is Sunk While Transporting Soldiers to Dardanelles.

Only 600 Known to Be Saved, Asserts Official Dispatch. Royal Edward Was Canadian Northern Liner.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—About one thousand lives are believed to have been lost by the sinking of the British transport, Royal Edward, in the Aegean en route to the Dardanelles, on Saturday by a German submarine.

The Royal Edward carried 1,350 soldiers, thirty-two military officers, and a crew of about 220 men. An official statement from the admiralty today said that "six hundred are known to have been saved."

IS SECOND VICTIM.

This is the second transport lost by Great Britain since the war began. In an engagement off the coast of Asia Minor, near the Gulf of Smyrna, a transport was sunk several weeks ago, but without heavy loss of life, according to the admiralty statement.

The troops were mainly re-enforcements for the Twenty-ninth division and details of the royal army medical corps, the admiralty stated. Full particulars, the official announcement said, have not been received.

The Royal Edward was one of the transports engaged in carrying re-enforcements to the allied forces near Cuvla Bay, on Gallipoli peninsula. Escorted by destroyers, these transports have been making their way in safety through the Aegean Sea for more than a fortnight without molestation by enemy submarines.

Whether the U-boat that torpedoed the Royal Edward passed through the Dardanelles from Constantinople eluding the allied fleet, or operated from a secret base along the Asia Minor coast, is the object of much speculation here.

The Royal Edward of Toronto, was a 11,117-ton steel triple screw steamer, owned by the Canadian Northern Steamship Company, and it was commandeered by the British government for use as a transport at the beginning of the war.

The Royal Edward was built in 1908 at Glasgow. She was 526 feet long and had a sixty-foot beam. She was modernly built throughout and equipped with wireless.

KAISER'S MESSENGER ARRIVES AT VATICAN

Important Communication Regarding Pope's Peace Plan Said to Have Been Sent.

ROME, Aug. 17.—A special messenger reached Rome last night bearing an important communication from the Kaiser to Pope Benedict, according to reports circulated here today.

No confirmation was obtainable at the Vatican, but it was understood the message had to do with the Pope's latest peace efforts.

Cameronia Safe.

GLASGOW, Aug. 17.—The liner Cameronia, carrying 118 passengers, arrived today at Greenock from New York.

I. W. W. at Vera Cruz Annoys Carranza

The "I. W. W." is adding to the annoyances of Venustiano Carranza at Vera Cruz, according to a dispatch to the State Department today from American Consul Silliman.

Highly inflammatory placards, said Silliman's dispatch, "have been widely circulated through Vera Cruz by the 'I. W. W.' calling a mass meeting to protest against American interference or intervention by the A. B. C. powers. The authorities profess ignorance of the movement, and General Carranza has forbidden the mass meeting, but the placards still adorn the walls throughout the city."

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN FLOODED GALVESTON

United States Transport Breaks Loose From Moorings at Gulf City—Wireless Affected.

SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 17.—A wireless message was received here from Galveston stating there was five feet of water in front of the Union Station there. Two fires were reported, one of them being in the Grand Hotel.

The United States transport McClelland broke loose from her moorings and drifted half a mile out into the gulf.

The big wireless station at Fort Crockett is out of commission, as well as the commercial wireless at Port Arthur.

This is the only direct word that has been received from the storm stricken city since last night.

From Brownsville before daybreak word was received that conditions were alleviated by the falling of the wind, which at times had approached a velocity of ninety miles an hour, and was added to in its fury by a veritable rain deluge.

Telegraph and telephone communication (Continued on Second Page.)

VILLISTA PLOTTERS ORDERED EXECUTED

Advices Report Vengeance Taken on Personal Enemies. Battle Near Torreón.

Vengeance is being taken by General Francisco Villa on those who have plotted against him in his capital city of Chihuahua. According to State Department advices today the northern chieftain has ordered "many shocking executions." Details are lacking.

According to these advices, trainloads of wounded Villistas have been arriving at Chihuahua for several days. They come from the vicinity of Torreón, indicating that the long-looked-for battle in that neighborhood is in progress.

Carranzistas have predicted that this engagement would be the final test of strength between the Carranzistas and the Villistas.

Renew Naval Patrol. Two American battleships have re-established the naval patrol of the Mexican east coast.

The Louisiana and New Hampshire are due at Vera Cruz late today, and while their diversion to Carranza's capital is officially stated to be without significance, it is believed that the Administration may have private information which caused cancellation of the orders for the two ships to stop at Guantánamo.

The arrival of the two battleships shortly after Carranza received the Pan-American peace appeal is regarded as significant, as the Administration has previously stated it desired to avoid display of American force there which might embarrass the peace program.

The Navy Department today explained the order for the ships to go to Vera Cruz as "routine," following the tacit understanding of many months that the United States should have at least two battleships stationed on the Mexican east coast. It was also pointed out that, (Continued on Second Page.)

FRANK'S WIFE IS PROSTRATED BY LYNCHING

Swoons When She First Learns of Husband's Abduction, But Later Bears Up Well.

STEELED FOR HIS DEATH

Leaves Prison Farm for Home of Relatives Under Care of Doctor and Nurse.

ATLANTA, Aug. 17.—Mrs. Leo M. Frank, at Milledgeville, had recovered from her stroke this afternoon sufficiently to make the trip to Athens, where her uncle lives. As she boarded a train she was told that her husband had been lynched. Apparently she was steeled for the news and bore up well. A physician and nurse accompanied her.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., Aug. 17.—The courageous woman who stood by Leo Frank in his every adversity is prostrated.

Mrs. Frank, who has been at the prison farm here ever since William Green, a fellow convict, cut her husband's throat in an attempt on his life more than a month ago, fainted when told of Frank's abduction.

She was not allowed to sleep in Frank's room, but she was on the premises and learned almost immediately of the kidnapping.

Physicians at the prison recognized at once that her condition was critical, all efforts to resuscitate her failing for an hour.

A hurry call was sent to Athens for trained nurses and they arrived during the early morning.

At about 1 o'clock an official statement was given out declaring that Mrs. Frank was on the verge of death and that there was but little hope for her recovery.

At 3 o'clock, however, she had a change for the better and physicians announced that they hoped she might recover.

"Thank God He's Dead And Through Troubles," Exclaims His Mother

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—"Thank God, he is dead, and through with his troubles," said Mrs. Rudolph Frank, mother of Leo M. Frank, when informed at her home, 151 Underhill avenue, here today, that her son's body had been found.

If he had lived, his life would have been a torture to him and they might have killed him in a worse way."

Mrs. Frank said she had received no messages from Georgia, regarding the kidnapping of Leo from the prison.

Can't Find Words To Condemn Crime, Says Gov. Slaton

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Former Gov. George M. Slaton of Georgia could not find words strong enough, he said today, to condemn the lynching of Leo M. Frank, whose life Slaton once saved by commuting his death sentence.

"Every good man and woman in Georgia will condemn this cowardly abduction," said Slaton, who is visiting the exposition here. "The English language is not strong or broad enough to designate this outrage appropriately. It is an attack on civilization."

"I know Georgia well enough to believe that everything a powerful State can do to punish the malefactors who have so disgraced the Commonwealth will be done."

Sheriff Hides Pair Of Accused Negroes

KILLED BY GEORGIA MOB



LEO M. FRANK.

Frank's Brutal Death Causes Revulsion Of Sentiment in Georgia

Men Who Were Bitterest in Denunciation of Governor Slaton for Saving Prisoner Now Cry for Vengeance on Lynchers—Widespread Pity for Widow.

ATLANTA, Aug. 17.—With Leo M. Frank dangling in a coarse prison night dress, manacled and barefooted, from a tree in the outskirts of the neighboring town of Marietta, and his widow, at Milledgeville, close to death from grief and horror at his dreadful end, Atlanta experienced a revulsion of feeling today.

The very men who were bitterest in their denunciation of ex-Governor Slaton for saving Frank from legal execution a few weeks ago, were in many cases crying today for vengeance on last night's lynchers, and, more particularly, on the prison farm officials who permitted, without a blow and scarcely a word in his behalf, their helpless and wounded ward to be dragged from their very presence to his death.

The lynchers' inhuman brutality in the treatment of their victim—a man just recovering from a wound which all but cost him his life—the prison officials' own description of his dumb agony as the self-constituted executioners dragged him by his feet down the stone steps, from his hospital room to the death car awaiting him outside, the picture of the ripping open of the gash in his throat, by the noose which strangled him, and finally the pitiful collapse of his wife when told of her husband's fate, caused a feeling of pity and indignation astonishing in a community which itself was so recently demanding the life of the same man hanged today.

Bitter At Jailers. That there will be a clean sweep of the Milledgeville prison officials was considered a foregone conclusion.

Not a few suggestions were made that there must have been connivance among them with the lynching conspirators or the latter could not have done their work so easily. The most charitable opinion expressed was that only the most extraordinary cowardice or indifference could have permitted such an affair at a penal institution under a heavily armed guard of twenty-five or thirty men entrenched in prison buildings.

HANGED 100 MILES FROM PRISON WHERE CROWD SEIZED HIM

Body Found Hours Later, Dangling From Tree, Within Stone's Throw of House Where Alleged Victim Was Born; Mob Gets Away Safely in Automobiles.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 17.—Leo M. Frank, who was abducted from the State prison farm at Milledgeville by a party of armed men in automobiles late last night, was hanged before daybreak today near Marietta, the home of Mary Phagan, of whose murder Frank was convicted.

The body was found hanging to a tree seventy-five feet off the Roswell road, two miles outside of Marietta. The improvised gallows is not a stone's throw from the house where the Phagan girl was born.

Frank's wrists were locked in handcuffs in front of him as he dangled from the limb and the rope around his neck had broken open the wound in his throat, inflicted a month ago by a fellow convict, and blood had streamed down from it, bespattering his prison suit, his sole article of attire.

It was evident that Frank had been dead for several hours and the lynchers had made a clean getaway.

The body was not cut down until 11:15 this morning, long after it had been discovered, and thousands gathered for the ghoulish spectacle.

News of lynching spread rapidly and automobile parties from Atlanta, Roswell, Marietta, and other neighboring places rushed to old Phagan farm, the former home of the murdered factory girl and the scene of Frank's lynching.

Sheriff Hicks, of Cobb county, in whose jurisdiction the lynching occurred, could not be located and the coroner would take no steps to hold an inquest or have the body removed until that official was found.

After the body had dangled for hours, the crowd, which by that time was estimated at 5,000, took the matter in its own hands and cut it down.

This was after speeches were made by different persons in the crowd, which had gathered on the desolate road. Bob Howard, of Marietta, said to be the man who slapped Detective William J. Burns' face when the latter was investigating the case, addressed the gathering and stirred up the hotheads. Judge Newt Morris made a speech in opposition, urging law and order.

After the entire crowd had voted in favor of not mutilating the body, it was placed in a basket and put on a wagon and then started toward Marietta, where it was announced an inquest would be held at noon.

As the body moved along the road mutterings from the crowd were heard, and Judge Morris, fearing the body would be taken from the wagon and mutilated, drove his car up alongside the funeral van, lifted the body into his machine, whirled around and sped toward Atlanta.

Two hundred other automobiles took up the chase. Rogers Winter, a newspaper man who was with Judge Morris, leaped from the car at Smyrna and sped to Atlanta to notify his paper and authorities that the body was being brought here and was being pursued.

Marietta is more than 100 miles from Milledgeville, where the State prison farm is located, and the fact that the lynchers ran the danger of going that distance before killing Frank is accepted as practical proof that the party was made up in Marietta.

The police also regard as highly significant the fact that several automobiles left Marietta last night, at just